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Philippians
2:9-11

A Really
Special
Name

**⁹ Wherefore God
also hath highly
exalted him,
and given him
a name which
is above every
name:**

**¹⁰ That at the
name of Jesus
every knee
should bow,
of things in
heaven, and
things in earth,**

**and things under
the earth;**

**¹¹ And that every
tongue should
confess that
Jesus Christ
is Lord, to the
glory of God
the Father.**

God has ranked Jesus very highly. He has given Jesus a name that is higher than any other. It was the intention of God that at that very *name* (that authority), every knee **SHOULD** bow.

Everything in heaven, everything on earth, and everything under the earth should bow to Jesus. It was also

God's will that every tongue **SHOULD** confess that Jesus was the Christ, Messiah, and Lord. This would be to Father God's honor—His glory.

Note that Scripture does not say every knee **SHALL** (will) bow or that every tongue will acknowledge Jesus (Wonderful) as

Messiah. I have heard
it preached and sung
that way,



“Every knee *shall* bow.
Every tongue confess
that Jesus is Lord...”

Turning “should” into
“shall” is a re-wording
of Scripture which
grossly changes its
meaning.

It doesn't necessarily

mean that every creature will or will not eventually recognize Jesus as Lord. Scripture simply does not say that here.

This passage speaks only of God's goal. It's just as it's not God's will that anyone should be lost, but some will be lost.

The focus of this

portion of a letter to the Philippians is that the name of Jesus (Yeshua) is super special and reaches heaven, earth, and below earth. It's a name "above every name".

If we would grasp the spiritual concept of "name", we could go even deeper than a

proper name (which
is written and said
differently depending
on the language,
dialect, or culture).
We could delve into
the reality of
“name” as being a
representation of
character, spirit,
and/or authority.

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